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## FUR BOSS SAYS WOLL'S CREW DEMANDED BRIBE

### Daugherty Linked With German Gold

Telephone Girls Testify Ex-Attorney General Phoned Alien Capitalists' Agent Frequently

Two strong points were made in the graft case against Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general of the United States, and Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian yesterday. It was absolutely established through the testimony of Richard Merton, the German metal magnate, that he had parted with \$391,000 in liberty bonds and \$50,000 in cash. He swore on the witness stand that he turned this money over to John T. King, late Connecticut politician to get back his \$7,000,000 worth of property then in the hands of the alien property custodian. The government charges this money was split between Daugherty, King and Miller.

The other point was the close relationship between Daugherty, Jess Smith, Miller, and King, brought out by testimony of Department of Justice employees.

Merton took the stand at the opening of the afternoon session. He identified receipts given for the bonds and cash, but said he was not told where the money went, after it left his hands.

#### CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

CALVIN COOLIDGE may be getting ready for the next presidential marathon or he may be developing the muscles of his legs for the hike back to Vermont in case Wall Street decides that the White House has been an asylum for the jumb long enough, and hungers for a more vocal occupant. Whatever the reason may be, the president has decided to walk two miles a day around the White House. If Coolidge could use his head as well as his feet he might be allowed to ride his electric hobby horse four more years.

THE PROMISING TO land troops in Shanghai in case of emergency only, on last Tuesday, on Wednesday the British government ordered troops held temporarily at Hong Kong to re-embark for Shanghai, there was not even a good sized brawl reported in the city. This is diplomacy. The government heard the speech of Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of the labor party and felt that there was no sincerity in it. As a matter of fact, Baldwin already had an understanding with Lloyd George and MacDonald and knew that those two imperialists would not do anything to jeopardize the interests of imperialism in China.

THE DAILY WORKER paid little attention to reports of a Cantonese defeat featured in all the capitalist papers on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The story was an obvious fake. There were no casualties reported, no figures of wounded and captured. It is now definitely known that the Cantonese, far from having suffered a defeat, are advancing on their objective. This accounts for the renewed activities of the imperialists in rushing troops to Shanghai.

THE UNITED STATES is definitely out of the world court, an annex to the league of nations, thru the action of certain powers in not accepting one of the reservations made by the United States government as a condition of entry. The senate voted in favor of affiliation provided the United States could do as all imperialist powers really do when they want something badly and have the power to take it, without interference from the court.

Florida Compensation Law? ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (FP). — The Florida workman compensation bill has a good chance of passing through the next session of the legislature, declares President J. M. Atkins of the Florida State Federation of Labor.

### TRY TO IMPOSE LONG WORK-WEEK ON WOMEN IN STATE OF NEW YORK

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 10.—A bill providing for a 49 1/2 hour working week for women in industry will be recommended to the legislature by the Industrial Survey Commission in its report to the lawmakers next week. It was reported today at the capitol. The commission, headed by former Assemblyman Jasper Cornaire of St. Lawrence County, was created by the legislature of 1926 to make a study of labor legislation.

Governor Smith and the officials of the State Federation of Labor, for several years, have urged the passage of a bill providing a 48-hour working

#### Coolidge Sits at Meal With \$5,000,000,000.00 Worth of Millionaires

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Many of the wealthiest men in the country were guests at the dinner given to the president and Mrs. Coolidge by Secretary of the Interior Work, and many others had been invited but were unable to attend. Had all the wealth invited been able to attend it is probable that some think like \$5,000,000,000 would have been represented.

As it was, there were present Henry Ford, reputed to be America's first billionaire; Andrew W. Mellon, said to be the third richest man in the United States; Harvey S. Firestone of Akron, O., the tire magnate; Simon Guggenheim, the copper king; George Eastman, the multi-millionaire kodak manufacturer of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Marshall Field, widow of the mercantile king of Chicago, and others of lesser means.

Among those invited but unable to attend were John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Judge E. H. Gary, Charles M. Schwab, and Cyrus H. K. Curtis, the Philadelphia publisher, whose combined wealth is estimated at well over a billion dollars.

### WORKER THRONGS IN COOPER UNION CHEER FOR CHINA

#### Anti-Imperialist Meet Rebukes Coolidge

New York workers filled Cooper Union to capacity last night to join with the Workers (Communist) Party in protesting against the present policy of American capitalism in sending American marines to China and Nicaragua, and the browbeating attitude that is being adopted towards Mexico.

Louis J. Bailey, former chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, now a special agent in the Atlanta, Ga., section of the department, told of Daugherty's inception into office, and of the power of Jess Smith, late intimate friend of Daugherty, in the affairs of the department.

Elizabeth Miller, youthful telephone operator who worked in the attorney general's office, told from the witness stand of the numerous long distance conversations. She said King's call was a regular thing, no matter where he happened to be.

Miss Miller testified that King sometimes telephoned Daugherty from Washington, also, and that at times Daugherty would call King on long distance to New York.

Under cross-examination the witness said that she didn't think of these telephone conversations between Daugherty and King until she read the testimony of the first Daugherty.

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### British Workers For Cantonese Recognition

#### Demand Made in Commons For Complete Independence

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Sir Austen Chamberlain in a speech on the Chinese situation delivered in the house of commons this evening refused the demand of labor for a withdrawal of British troops from Shanghai.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Debate on the Chinese situation was opened in the house of commons today on a laborite motion deplored the dispatch of troops to China and demanding their recall and also urging the recognition of the national independence of the Chinese.

Charles Trevelyan, opening the debate for the laborites, declared that the policy of the Canton Government is also the policy of the Labor Party. This policy, he said, is for absolute independence for the Chinese, the disappearance of concessions and the withdrawal of military and naval powers of the western nations from territories and waters of China.

Great Britain has spent \$3,225,000 thus far in sending troops and naval units to Shanghai, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, minister of war, announced.

Great Britain desires peace in China but realizes that "a peaceful settlement is unobtainable by surrender or scuttling," Foreign Minister Sir Austen Chamberlain declared in the house of commons tonight.

Sir Austen declared that an agreement has been reached with Eugene Chen regarding the "Shantou concession, to the effect that the concession will be "formally" returned to Great Britain, but a new council will be elected to administer it, the Chinese having full representation on this council. This is taken to be a settlement to save Britain's face.

On Way to Shanghai. HONG KONG, China, Feb. 10.—Two Punjab battalions from Calcutta, due to arrive here today, did not debar from their transports. The troops, a part of the great concentration of British forces intended for action against the Cantonese, proceeded directly to Shanghai.

The Punjab battalions closely followed two regiments from Gloucester and Durham, which left for Shanghai after a short stay.

The movement of troops to Shanghai is being made in the face of protests from both Peking and the Cantonese governments.

Changsha messages report that Tang Seng Chi, who recently arrived from Hankow, is showing marked anti-British propensities.

A street demonstration against the British went off without untoward incident.

The houseboys' strike at Hankow, according to reports, has been deferred until Sunday. The general situation at Hankow is said to be quiet at present.

Two Hearns Beat As One.

GENEVA, Feb. 10.—The British policy in China is "in complete accord with the letter and spirit of the league of nations covenant," declared a lengthy statement from Sir Austen Chamberlain, setting forth the British Chinese policy, and received to-day by the secretariat of the league.

U. S. Marines Arrive.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10.—Three hundred American marines arrived here today. The British Gloucester and Durham regiments are due to arrive from Hong Kong tomorrow.

#### Other Mexicans Strike If Rail Workers Quit

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—Labor unions, not affiliated with the Mexican Federation of Labor, threaten a sympathetic strike if the railroad workers strike on Feb. 17 as they threaten to do. The sympathetic strike would partially affect electrical plants, cotton mills and bakeries.

### Bill to Wipe Out N. Y. Anti-Vice Society as Merely Blue-nose Club

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Repeal of a law of 1871 which incorporated the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, is provided in a bill introduced in the legislature today by Assemblyman F. L. Hackenburg, New York City, democrat.

In a statement, Hackenburg declared members of the society have "injected themselves into everybody's business and stuck their noses in the affairs of the entire nation."

He asserted that America has "grown out of its 'swaddling clothes'" and that the time has come to put an end to reformers.

The original members of the society, Hackenburg said, were: Morris K. Jessup, Howard Potter, Jacob F. Wyckoff, William E. Dodge, Jr., Charles E. Whitehead, Cephas Brainard, Thatcher M. Adams, William F. Lee, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. M. Cornell, W. H. S. Wood, Elbert B. Monroe, George W. Clarke, Cornelius R. Agnew, R. R. McBurney of New York City, and Moses S. Bach and Henry R. Jones of Brooklyn.

### CHICAGO BOARD RAISES INCOME OF DRESSMAKERS

#### Good Terms of Bosses Credit to Progressives

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—A new agreement has been signed between the Chicago Association of Dress Manufacturers and the Joint Board of officials of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union with the following increases on the previous existing scales. Sample makers received a \$5.00 increase; examiners, basters and finishers, \$2.50; piece workers, 10 cents per hour; drapers \$8.00 per week, and cutters \$7.00 per week.

Two Conferences Held.

The agreement was signed after two conferences were held. One on Saturday, January 29th, and another which was concluded on February 5th at the Sherman Hotel. Those representing the Manufacturers' Association were Samuel H. Phillips of Phillips & Gauss, president, Mr. L. Ferdinand, secretary, Nathan Alexander, Mr. Sobie of Sobie & Davis, M. Goldfarb, and Samuel J. Brown of Brown & Harrie. Those representing the union were Mr. J. Levin, manager, who was the spokesman for the Chicago Joint Board, H. Ross and Philip Hauser, president and secretary of Local 100; Ida Rothstein, Evelyn Dornfeld, Roy Glassman, business agent, and I. L. Davidson organizer.

As far as the conditions are concerned the agreement could have been signed at the first conference but two conferences were held because the union and the association were interested in discussing the general situation in the industry so as to come to a clear understanding.

Rudolph Statement.

This repudiates the statement in a bulletin issued by the association during December 2nd, 1926, which reads in part as follows: "Negotiations between the union and the Northwest Dress Manufacturers are deadlocked. The union shows no intention to give up its demands and has threatened to call out all members at the expiration of the present agreement unless their demands are granted."

On the date that this bulletin was issued the union's demands were not even formulated and naturally a deadlock was impossible between the union and the association at a time when the demands were not submitted.

The fact that this agreement has been signed is an additional proof of the untruthfulness of this so-called association.

Slavery in Their Shops.

The union is now ready to publish

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Roll in the Subs For The DAILY WORKER.

### Sought Money For "Fixing" Report

President of Eitingon-Schild Co. Declares He Did Not Pay as Ordered; Called "Communist"

Sensational charges of bribery in connection with the American Federation of Labor's special report on its investigation of the New York fur strike, were made in a statement issued yesterday by Motty Eitingon, president of the Eitingon-Schild Co., Inc., who was attacked by the report for his activities in connection with the settlement of the strike last June.

This report of the A. F. L.'s special investigating committee, which was made public by Matthew Woll early in January, attracted nation-wide attention because it accused union leaders of the fur strike of paying huge sums of money to members of the police department.

Also the report created a stir because it accused Mr. Motty Eitingon of Communist sympathies and insinuated that he had affiliations with Moscow which led him to force the manufacturers to settle the strike in the interests of the workers.

Came for Money.

Now for the first time Mr. Eitingon has made a public reply to these charges of the American Federation of Labor officials, and his first startling statement is that he was informed of these charges a whole month before the report was made public, and that the emissary who brought the information said that the report could be stopped upon the payment of money.

This interview was witnessed by Michael Hollander, head of A. Hollander & Son, who in an interview yesterday afternoon told his part in the matter, and confirmed Mr. Eitingon's statement concerning the bribe.

Careful Approach.

The gentleman referred to by Mr. Eitingon (who still remains nameless) came to see me before the matter was taken up with Mr. Eitingon. He told me what the situation was and asked me whether I considered it advisable to broach the subject to Mr. Eitingon.

"After some deliberation I decided that Mr. Eitingon should be given an opportunity to hear what this gentleman had to say. I consulted Mr. Eitingon, and from the offices of the Eitingon-Schild Co., Inc., I telephoned to this gentleman to invite him to come to see Mr. Eitingon in my presence. He did so, and related what he knew.

Didn't Believe Own Report.

"He said he had been invited to a conference at which he was given full insight into what the report contained, and was told it was ready to be put

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### Another Fake Disarmament Conference

Wall Street Jockeying for Better Position

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Another peace fake was launched today by President Coolidge when he submitted to the senate the text of a memorandum which his ambassadors in the principal foreign capitals were simultaneously delivering to the chancellors of the imperialist world powers.

Coolidge's new scheme purports to be an extension of the Washington Arms Conference, a futile meeting, which only served to sharpen the appetites of the powers for more armaments on land and sea.

Imperialists Will Not Disarm.

If the president knows anything about international affairs he is quite well aware that no imperialist power has the slightest intention of depending for protection on any agreements that may be arrived at such a conference. Least of all has the United States any intention of doing this.

Speaking for the United States, President Coolidge advised the powers that America's delegates to Geneva will be authorized to negotiate for an agreement covering auxiliary naval craft. He invited them to similarly equip their delegates with authority.

### NEW SIGMAN TRICKERY REVEALED IN LABOR BANK WAR ON JOINT BOARD

"International" Heads Try to Strike Blow at Left Wing Thru Manipulation of Finances

An attempt of the "red-baiting" Sigman regime in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union to strike a new blow at the left wing Joint Board in New York City by a tricky manipulation of finances has just come to light in the filing of suits by the International Union Bank for recovery on three promissory notes, in spite of the fact that Morris Hillquit, socialist, attorney for the bank, controls the property which was offered as security, and which is of much greater value than the amount of the note.

The Sigman regime has control of the bank, in which members of the union are urged to keep accounts. In addition to revealing another underhand method of attack against the left wing, these revelations also strip bare another sordid side of "labor banking."

Expose Financial Trickery.

A statement issued yesterday by Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint Board, tells an amazing story of financial trickery by which the bank of the International Union Bank for recovery on three promissory notes, in spite of the fact that Morris Hillquit, socialist, attorney for the bank, controls the property which was offered as security, and which is of much greater value than the amount of the note.

Hyman's Statement.

Mr. Hyman's full statement, detailing the situation is as follows:

"The International Union Bank, has just brought three actions against the Joint Board and the Clean and Suit Makers Building Corporation, which is the holding corporation of the Joint Board, and as

## ANGRY PARENTS FIGHT CORRUPT SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Chicago Parents Want Schools; Called "Mob"**

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—That the school system is not a dead issue in Chicago was proven by a mass meeting called by the North-West Side Parents' League at 3302 LeMoyne St. The basement of the church was packed with angry parents who resent being called "outsiders" and a "mob," when the question of the welfare of the school children is being considered.

John English, member of the board of education, stated that he did not believe in the junior high schools, nor the platoon, but he is in the minority on the school board. He also stated cases of tax dodging by big business. He urged the parents to take more interest in the school system.

The officers of the N. W. S. Parents' League reported that after a fight that lasted for over a year the board of education is still "considering" the question of building additional nine class rooms to the Lowell school, when according to the estimation of the Parents' League at least fifteen more rooms are needed. The school has at present over 400 more children than there are seats and it is a growing neighborhood. The other schools in the neighborhood, the Cameron, and the Stowe, are also overcrowded.

The N. W. S. Parents' League intends to put up a fight for more school rooms, against the platoon system and against junior high schools.

**Bosses' "Sue Bill" to Be Fought by Labor In Massachusetts**

BOSTON (FP) — Massachusetts A. F. of L. leaders are appearing before the state legislature in opposition to the "sue bill" permitting voluntary organizations to sue and be sued in the name of the organization, officers or manager. At present labor organizations, as voluntary organizations, are protected against such suits. Employers favor the "sue bill."

PONSONBY IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO.—Arthur Ponsonby, member of the British parliament, and under-secretary of state for foreign affairs in the Ramsay MacDonald government will speak at the Chicago Forum in the Erlanger Theatre, Sunday afternoon, February 13th.

Electric Chair To Get Rest.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Abolition of capital punishment and the substitution of life imprisonment is provided in a bill introduced in the legislature today by Senator Walsh and Assemblyman Hackenburg, New York democrats.

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## Telephone Girls Testify Daugherty Phoned King On Long Distance Frequently

(Continued from Page One) Miller trial, which resulted in a jury disagreement.

"Then I recall these conversations," she said, "and thought it peculiar because I had always thought Mr. King was an employee of the Department of Justice."

The testimony caused the first trace of excitement in the courtroom since the second trial began.

"From the frequency of the calls I thought that they must be official," the witness said. She marked them "official," she said, because she was told to do so.

**Book for the Irish Worker**  
"Jim Connolly and the Irish Rising of 1916"

Introduction by T. J. O'Flaherty.  
By G. Schuller.

PRICE 10 CENTS.

Jim Connolly was the military leader of the Easter Week rebellion in Ireland which broke out when the British empire was passing through one of its most serious crises that faced it during the world war. Connolly, the international Marxist, joined the small army of revolutionaries who made up the secret society known as the Irish Republican Brotherhood and raised the standard of an Irish republic. Connolly was one of the first revolutionaries in the international socialist movement to appreciate the value of the nationalist question for workers. He was a Bolshevik in the full sense of the term. This little pamphlet by G. Schuller gives Connolly his rightful place in the revolutionary history of this period. It was first published as an article in the official organ of the Communist International. It should be distributed in large quantities among the Irish workers in the United States.

Discards the Veil



Mme. Housra Honoun.

## WILL CONTINUE TO RAID PLAYS PLAYING UP SEX

### Theatre District Feels Vague Apprehension

Further raids on "sex" plays are promised by District Attorney Banton while New York is still talking about the arrests of the authors, owners and actors of "Sex," "The Captive," and "The Virgin Man," Wednesday night after the regular performances.

#### Latest Developments.

The latest developments are as follows:

One—Arrangements are being made by the police department to re-arrest those who were left out on bail Wednesday for continuing their plays and to investigating the original treasury valuation of the Ford company stock.

Two—Yesterday afternoon's matinee of "The Virgin Man," was raided and resulted in its being called off. Money was refunded to the biggest aggregation of customers the show had ever seen.

Three—Talk on the part of the producers to seek injunctions if the police continue to raid every performance of their plays.

Four—A statement from the district attorney's office that the next point of attack would be the review that feature nude women.

Five—The publication of the plan of the Committee of Nine, consisting of actors, producers and dramatists for a jury of seven to condemn plays by a majority vote, with the provision that the Actors' Equity Association force its members from the cast of a disapproved production.

#### Forty-one Arrested.

Wednesday's raids forty-one arrests were made altogether. Eight were from "The Virgin Man," twenty-one from "Sex" and twelve from "The Captive." Held under \$1,000 bail by Magistrate Flood were seven from "Sex" and three from each of the other two shows. The twenty-eight others were held in \$500 bail each.

The case will be heard Monday at 2:30 p. m. The prisoners from "Sex" will appear in West Side Court and those from the other two plays in Jefferson Market Court.

"I expect that within a week or ten days the cases resulting from Wednesday night's activities will be disposed of," District Attorney Banton stated yesterday.

The plan from the Committee of Nine was announced by Frank Gilmore and Winthrop Ames.

"We shall maintain a committee of three managers, three authors and three actors as a permanent theatre supervision board. This board, to be appointed annually, will open an office to act as a clearing house for all complaints on plays already produced and for advance information regarding plays in prospect or in rehearsal.

"A contract has been arranged which places the board's disposal the services of that most responsible and efficient organization—the American Arbitration Association.

"The scheme will act as follows: A play is about to open in New York upon which the executive secretary's office has disturbing advance information. He calls together a sub-committee of the theatre supervision board to advise him. He is further advised on the public's behalf by an appointed of the American Arbitration Association. Three courses are open:

"The play may be reviewed before its New York opening, on the night of its New York opening, or on public demand after its New York opening."

#### YOUNG WORKERS ATTENTION.

All articles and notices for the Youth column should be addressed as follows: "J. Perillo, Editor, Youth Column, 108 East 14th street, Room 32, New York City."

The quality of the column will in large degree depend on the matter of contributions received.

Young Worker correspondents, get on the job!

Edison, Octogenarian Today.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 10.—Thomas A. Edison tomorrow will celebrate his eightieth birthday. He will celebrate it by working as usual, as on former anniversaries, although he will grant an interview to newspapermen, and attend a dinner given on the job!

What did Daugherty call King on the telephone?" United States Attorney Buckner asked.

"He'd say to King, 'Hello, John.'"

The witness did not know what they talked about.

#### Second Trial.

The trial now proceeding is the second for the same offense. The jury disagreed in the other trial, it is alleged, because the trial of graft so high that a verdict of guilty would amount to a condemnation of the highest officials, and practically a vote of no-confidence in the American system of government. Evidence in the re-trial has already shown President Harding a visitor to the headquarters Jess Smith and Daugherty maintained together.

The case grew out of the efforts of the American Metals Co., owned by German capitalists, to get back properties of theirs being administered by the alien property custodian after the end of the war. The German claim was just. What Daugherty and Miller are accused of, is "holding up" and "shaking down" the Germans, by throwing difficulties in their way, until they paid the nearly half million dollar bribe to smooth the path.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 10.—A protest against American imperialism in Mexico, Nicaragua and China will be made at a mass meeting called by the Cleveland Committee on American Imperialism and the People's Reconstruction League this Sunday.

The meeting will serve to crystallize anti-imperialist sentiment in this city, it is hoped, and every effort is being made to line up unions, workers' clubs and liberal organizations in the war against American imperialism.

J. Jong, a member of the Kuomintang (nationalist) party of China, Peter Witt, a member of the City Council, Tom Clifford, Rabbi B. Brickner, Rev. Joel Hayden, L. Amter and Mrs. Jelliffe, who recently returned from Mexico will be among the speakers. A. P. Coyle will be chairman.

The meeting will be held at Moose Hall, 1000 Walnut street, Sunday, Feb. 13 at 8 p. m. Admission will be free.

## NEWBERRY CASE REAL ORIGIN OF FORD TAX TRIAL

### Might Have Missed Loss Except for Letter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The origin of the government's \$30,000,000 tax assessment against the minority stockholders of the Ford Motor company was revealed today to have been in the famous fight over Senator Truman H. Newberry's admission to the United States Senate.

David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, on the stand today before the U. S. Board of Tax Appeals, revealed that it was a letter from Senator James E. Watson (R) of Indiana, which started the treasury investigation of the Ford company stock.

Angry at Ford.

Senator Watson wrote Commissioner Blair a letter in 1922, enclosing a memorandum questioning the treasury's valuation of the Ford stock. It was at this time that the Newberry fight was at its height in the senate. Senator Watson was one of the republican leaders who fought for the seating of Newberry.

Senator James Couzens (R) of Mich., was appointed to succeed Newberry in November of 1922, and later the treasury assessed against him approximately \$11,000,000 in excess taxes.

Commissioner Blair testified that he had received a letter and memorandum questioning the proper valuation of Ford stock and said he referred it to a deputy commissioner for investigation.

Blair said that he informed Watson that "he would trace the matter this time through entirely different channels."

The defense contended that Blair's statement showed the Bureau of Internal Revenue had previously investigated the Roper valuation of \$9,439 per share for Ford stock in 1913.

Blair testified that an anonymous letter was sent to the department in 1921 declaring that "Ford owed a lot of tax." He said the letter was dismissed lightly because it was quite evident that Ford didn't owe tax on the stock transaction.

Deputy Commissioner Nash signed the \$10,900,000 assessment against Couzens on March 11, and smaller assessments against other minority stockholders within the next two days, according to his own testimony.

"I was informed by investigators that the Statute of Limitations would expire March 13, 1925," Nash said.

"The expiration of the time was the only 'jeopardy' involved."

The correspondence between internal revenue bureau officials relating to the investigations of the Ford tax action, beginning in 1922, were introduced in evidence after a strong protest from the government.

Defense Has Innings.

One letter in September, 1922, from M. T. Johnson, chairman of the Committee on Tax Appeals and Review, to Cary A. Mapes, solicitor of internal revenue, declared that in his judgment the basis for fixing the original \$9,489 valuation as of March 1, 1913, was sound. Mapes approved the report. It was contended that Mapes' decision was reached after several investigations by the government.

Counsel for the taxpayers said that "after repeated approvals and confirmations of the proper valuation in 1921 and 1922, the Bureau of Internal Revenue made a settlement in 1923 of Senator Couzens' tax liability.

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Control Commission.

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## LORE'S ATTACK ON COMMUNISTS IS REPUDIATED

### Food Workers Re-Elect Delegates He Ousted

Amalgamated Food Workers' Local No. 164 (Bakers), listened to a long tirade against the Workers (Communist) Party and The DAILY WORKER by Ludwig Lore, and then rebuffed him by voting to send back to the Volkszeitung Conference the same delegates that Lore's group had already refused to seat.

#### Called To Answer.

Lore came to the local meeting to explain why the bakers' delegates were kept out. Instead of explaining, he engaged in a lot of arguments like this:

"We must get rid of this nest of the Workers Party." "The problem fundamentally is a Macht Kampf (struggle for power)." "The DAILY WORKER is dictated to by Moscow." "The DAILY WORKER came to New York to live off the back of the Volkszeitung." "These delegates came to the conference with instructions from a Workers Party caucus."

#### Immediately Corrected.

This last statement caused one of the expelled delegates, Brother Aumiller, to call Lore a liar. Aumiller stated he was not a member of the Workers Party.

Aumiller told of squads of fake delegates sent to the conference representing the many branches of the very weak International Workingmen's Association founded in America by Lore, apparently as an insult to Marx and Engels, who founded the historic organization by that name.

#### Past Policy Different.

Brother Rosenberg, an active member of the union, tore the mask from Lore's policy when he reminded him how he himself created a caucus when he was trying to put out of the editorship Bella Low, and put himself in. He also showed that Lore on the one hand scoffs at the Workers Party as "bankrupt" and on the other hand resorts to the almost reckless, splitting tactics to avoid having any of these suspected Workers Party influenced persons in his Volkszeitung conference.

#### Who Pays?

Brother Fotis put the question very clearly, "Who shall determine the policy of the Volkszeitung? If we give our money and energy for the paper we have a right to help determine the policy of the paper and all attempts at separating the publishing association from the conference is the bunk."

In his closing speech Mr. Lore said, "I am in favor of instructions but from the right party. (He means the International Workingmen's Association?) If I think the instructions are not in coherence with the political and economic conditions, I will not accept them. (Shades of Napoleon!) Burhanin at the last enlarged executive asked Boris Reinstein to investigate my record, and he reported that I was an independent Communist." (Does he really think that the C. I. has nothing else to do but waste its time with the likes of him?)

None of the members could stomach his stuff and after listening to his long tirade decided unanimously to allow the expelled members to remain as delegates to the Volkszeitung conference. Lore and Winter went away from the meeting totally discredited.

### Volume of Machine Business Declines

The American Machinists reports that the volume of business placed for machinery and machine tools for the last week was somewhat below the average. Inquiries for special types of machinery continue active, but the orders are slow. Operations in the automotive industry increased, but was not reflected in the call for new equipment. Activity around Chicago also slackened a bit. New York trading was quiet and only small business was recorded. The Hardware Age records the same conditions in its field. Reports from its various centers show very slow business.

#### Czarist Hangman Executed.

LENINGRAD, Feb. 10.—M. Kravtsov, former head hangman of the Luga prison, was today executed, together with former Chief Warden Ernst and Assistant Warden Loman, on charges of cruelty to prisoners during the czarist regime.

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### SCOTT NEARING WILL CONDUCT COURSE AT WORKERS' SCHOOL ON EUROPEAN PROBLEMS

One of the outstanding features of the New York Workers' School for the spring term will be two short courses given by Scott Nearing on "Decline of the British Empire" and "Post War Problems in Europe."

Scott Nearing, author of "Dollar Diplomacy," "The American Empire," "Oil and the Germs of War," "Education in Soviet Russia" and numerous other books on economics, imperialism, education, etc., needs no introduction to American labor students. Scott Nearing has made several trips to Europe in the past few years for the special purpose of studying the changes that have gone on in European economic and political life since the great war. The two courses given by him at the Workers' School are the result of his investigations and study.

#### British Decline Studied.

"The Decline of the British Empire," which begins this Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 p. m., and runs for three weeks, deals with one of the most significant developments in world history since the opening of the 20th century, a development involving important consequences for the people of the entire world as well as those of Great Britain. The growth of the minority movement in the trade unions, the role of the Labor Party, the radicalization of the British working class are but one phase of the course. Growing imperialist rivalries, the struggle between American Imperialism and British Imperialism for world supremacy, the declining role of Great Britain in world economy—raised as

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#### Immediately Corrected.

This last statement caused one of the expelled delegates, Brother Aumiller, to call Lore a liar. Aumiller stated he was not a member of the Workers Party.

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#### Who Pays?

Brother Fotis put the question very clearly, "Who shall determine the policy of the Volkszeitung? If we give our money and energy for the paper we have a right to help determine the policy of the paper and all attempts at separating the publishing association from the conference is the bunk."

In his closing speech Mr. Lore said, "I am in favor of instructions but from the right party. (He means the International Workingmen's Association?) If I think the instructions are not in coherence with the political and economic conditions, I will not accept them. (Shades of Napoleon!) Burhanin at the last enlarged executive asked Boris Reinstein to investigate my record, and he reported that I was an independent Communist."

Does he really think that the C. I. has nothing else to do but waste its time with the likes of him?)

None of the members could stomach his stuff and after listening to his long tirade decided unanimously to allow the expelled members to remain as delegates to the Volkszeitung conference. Lore and Winter went away from the meeting totally discredited.

Bath Beach Meet Tonight.

A meeting of the Bath Beach Street Nucleus is going to be held on Friday, February 11, at 7 p. m. A discussion will take place on the question of the International Labor Conference.

**Thieves Tempted by Bronx Jail Gates**

Thieves visited the Bronx county jail in the Bronx supreme court building at Third Avenue and 161st street, yesterday morning and attempted to walk off with one of the bronze gates of an entrance to the basement. This was discovered when A. Wyman, custodian of the building, came to work in the morning and noticed that the padlock had been broken open.

It was his belief that a general jail delivery had not been planned, but that the burglars had tried to pry the bronze gate from its hinges and sell it for junk. Bronze in worth 84 cents a pound and this door weighs about 400 pounds.

**Elizabeth Workers to Hold Lenin Meeting**

The Workers Party of Elizabeth, N. J., will hold a Lenin memorial meeting on Sunday, Feb. 13th, at 7:30 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, 515 Court Street.

In addition to good speakers there will also be an excellent musical program.

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### PROHIBITION TO BE MAIN ISSUE AT CONVENTIONS

#### Butler Says Republican Party Must Be Wet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Prohibition is to be a controversial issue in both the republican and democratic national conventions next year—perhaps the big issue.

This was unanimously accepted in the capital today by leaders of both political parties. They deplore it, most of them do, but say they do not see how it can be kept out.

The democrats, of course, have been headed for a wet-and-dry fight in 1928 ever since Madison Square Garden, and the republicans had been congratulating themselves that they would "let the democrats hang themselves" on the hooks of that convention.

#### Butler Now Wet Leader.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's assumption of the leadership of the republican wet wing, and his assertion that no man can be elected in '28 who does not take a stand against the Volstead law, has changed the party outlook. Republican drys, headed by Senator Borah (R) of Idaho, fairly fell over themselves today in their eagerness to accept Dr. Butler's challenge to thresh it out in the republican convention next year.

#### Reverley," a dramatization of Samuel Hopkins Adams' novel, will be produced this Spring by Sam H. Harris Boni and Liveright, the publishers of the book, report a decided interest in the novel.

William B. Friedlander is planning a summer revue entitled "Paris by Night." Eddie Conrad and Helen Chappy, a French singer, are to be featured.

Frederick Lonsdale's next play, hitherto known as "The League of Nations", will be titled "Most of Us Are". It will be produced here by Arthur Hopkins and Arch Selwyn.

"The Crime Wave", by Samuel Shipman and John B. Hymer, was produced in Philadelphia Monday night by A. H. Woods. It will come to New York in two weeks.

"A Woman In the House," the play by Samuel Shipman and Neil Twomey, in which Jones and Green will star Louis Mann and Clara Lipman, will have in its cast Franklyn Farmar, Marion Stokes, Mary Loane, Robert Williams, Marie Reichert and Reynolds Cuyler. Performances will be given on Feb. 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024,

## MASS MEETINGS IN PORTO RICO DENOUNCE NAVY

"Visit of Oppressors  
Fleet No Honor"

PONCE, Porto Rico, Feb. 10.—In a vigorous protest against American aggression in Nicaragua, the Ponce Local of the Nationalist Party of Porto Rico has unanimously voted for a resolution that denounces the Coolidge-Kellogg foreign policy, and protests against the visit of American warships to Porto Rico.

The fleet, whose movements were kept secret in North America by the state department, is expected to arrive here any day. The Nationalists have issued a special edition of their paper, "The Nationalist," in which the flagrant high-handed methods of Yankee paternalism are exposed.

Fleet Visit No Honor.

The resolution, copies of which have been sent to the insular and municipal authorities, the senate, the house of representatives, the mayor of Ponce and the municipal assembly, says: "The Porto Rican people consider the visit of the American marines and war fleet, announced by the press, undesirable, and hereby inform the legislative bodies that they do not consider it an honor to be visited by the armies that aid in the exploitation of the small republics of Central America, and do not want invitations extended to them."

The strong resentment of the Porto Rican workers against American imperialism is being further aroused by the visit of the American fleet, and it is expected that many mass meetings will be held in protest. Municipal police expect much trouble if the marines are given shore-leave, because of the prejudice against them.

### Colorado Coal Miners Drift Around Looking For Some Organization

(By Worker Correspondent.)

AGUILAR, Colo., Feb. 10.—The miners of this coal field, District 15 of the United Mine Workers of America, are rapidly becoming migratory workers. They drift aimlessly from camp to camp, trying to find the conditions that used to be, and trying without result.

Officials Watch Games.

The district officials spend their time watching the baseball games in town, and there is practically no organization work going on.

But just before the last election (December, 1926) for international officials of the U. M. W., the district officials here got busy, and formed a lot of little locals, mostly with only two or three members, to send in election returns for John L. Lewis. These locals also sent delegates to the international convention on Jan. 25.

Real Organizers Idle.

There are plenty of good, honest organizers in the state that will do well in organizing, but these are not wanted by John L. Lewis. He must have his confederates on the payroll.

Some meetings were held in independent outfits. They did not dare to appear in Colorado Fuel & Iron coal camps, which are the key of their district.

I would be ashamed to accept my check from the union unless I got new members for the union in return. They do not dare to attack the coal companies in their lectures but do not spare other organizations.

There are at the present time three locals in Aguilar, Colo., with a total membership of 150 men. All of these men that voted, with the exception of three, voted for John Brophy. That proves that the miners wanted the progressive candidate. They wanted something new and better.

### "GATHER" HUGE RAIL SYSTEM



Map shows the Van Sweringen's Nickel Plate system, if all the merger plans are approved; white lines show Wheeling & Lake Erie.

The Van Sweringen brothers—M. J. and O. P.—of Cleveland, O., operating through their Nickel Plate railroad system, have further increased their huge railroad holdings by purchasing a sixth control in the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad. Other roads which joined in the obtaining of a working control through a spectacular market coup and a private deal with John D. Rockefeller are the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio systems. Reports in New York have it that plans have been considered for a probable combination of the Van Sweringen roads, New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio into the greatest railroad system of all—35,000 miles; capital \$3,650,662,237. In the meantime, minority stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio oppose the Van Sweringen group's petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission for that road to purchase a majority stock interest in the Pere Marquette and Erie railroads.

### MEXICAN FOUL PLAY IS DENIED BY AUTHORITIES

#### Abandoned Graveyard Uncovered, Claim

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Declaration by Deputy Sheriff Walter Keating of Los Angeles that Mexicali, Lower California, is a town where many Americans have met with foul play and were buried in shallow unmarked graves, have been met with quick denials from both American and Mexican authorities.

Keating returned here yesterday from a fruitless search for three missing men from Los Angeles, and reported that he had found the sands of the Colorado Madura River below the Mexican town strewn with bodies. Many of the dead he believed to be Americans.

Persons killed in Mexicali were frequently buried without any attempt at identification by the authorities, Keating charges.

Francisco Deralga, inspector of police for the northern district of Lower California, explained that what Keating had discovered was an abandoned grave-yard in the old river bed and that bodies had been exposed by flood waters. He said his office had complete records of every alien who had died and had been buried there. In the last three years only two Americans met death in his district, he added, and but one American has disappeared.

Louis Mans, customs inspector at the border, supported Deralga's statement. He could recall only one case where an American had disappeared in Mexicali. Deralga said his records contained no descriptions of missing persons such as Keating is seeking.

"Peaches" Show To Be Reopened.

Possibility of a new and startling development in the Browning separation case loomed today when it was reported that one of the witnesses at the recent trial at White Plains had signed a confession that he was "forced" to enter a conspiracy to blacken the character of "Peaches" Browning.

### CHICAGO LETS

By M. A. S.  
Odds and ends of news from the Middle Western Metropolis

Anne Louise Strong created quite a stir in the patriotic circles of Chicago by her lectures on the Soviet Union. There was almost a riot at Chicago Women's Club when the hundred per centers and the stoop-johns attempted to stop her from speaking.

At the Workers' House she had a great reception. The Department of Justice men had enough intelligence not to attempt to stop her speech at the Workers' House. They knew there were no saps at 1902 W. Division St.

At the hearing of the committee on schools Alderman Nelson paid his compliments to Alderman Toman by telling him:

"Half the time when you come in here, Alderman Toman, you aren't sober!"

The Hon. Toman replied:  
"Yes, and you, Alderman Nelson, are a liar!"

There you are. We are impartial, and therefore will take the word of both of them....

Mayor Dever and a few other politicians are putting themselves on the back, calling attention in their campaign speeches to the wonderful achievements of the Chicago school system.

They do not mention, of course, that there is an actual shortage of about 65,000 seats in the schools, and that schools are being platooned. A couple of strikes of the school children and the raids by the angry parents on the board of education and the city hall are also forgotten in the campaign speeches. But the parents do not forget. A mass protest meeting called by the North West Side Parent's League filled the basement of a church.

The bluff may go with the press but not with the parents. They have learned by experience.

#### BIG HAUL ON VESSEL.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Fifty thousand dollars in currency disappeared from the strong box of the S. S. Colombia while the vessel was enroute from New York to Los Angeles harbor.

### SUIT FOR FALSE ARREST AGAINST ALIQUIPPA COPS

#### Postmaster Admits He Stops Daily Worker

By ABRAHAM JAKIRA.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The attorneys for Peter Musulin of Woodlawn, Pa., who is suing the Aliquippa Chief of Police for ten thousand dollars damages for false arrest, rested their case today after a bitter legal battle which lasted several hours. Four witnesses testified for the chief of police when the court adjourned until Tuesday morning.

#### Chief Was Sure.

Several witnesses testified that "Ham" Brown, the Chief of Aliquippa Police raided, on the night of July 27th, 1926, a peaceful meeting of a picnic committee of the Croatian Emenicil Lodge to settle the accounts for a picnic which was held on July 25th. When he was asked for a warrant he stated: "I don't need no god-damned warrant for you." Several men were arrested and then released without even being questioned after having spent in jail for some time.

#### Question About Party.

Attorney W. D. Craig, who, together with attorney Richard S. Holt, represented Brown, questioned the witnesses at length as to their affiliation with the Workers (Communist) Party, and their personal beliefs on the question of the overthrow of the American government and the establishment of a Soviet form of government in the United States. Numerous objections raised by attorneys George J. Shaffer and Henry H. Wilson, who represent Peter Musulin, the plaintiff, were continually overruled by Judge Wm. A. McConnell.

#### Legion Communist Committee.

The arbitrary rule in Woodlawn of the Jones and Laughlin interests came to light today when Mr. Simson, the postmaster of Woodlawn, was called upon to testify for Mr. Brown. He was compelled to admit that he was a member of the American Legion and is the head of the special committee appointed by the legion to investigate and to combat Communism in Woodlawn. He was formerly an employee of Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation.

#### Censored Mail.

He used his office of postmaster to further the interests of the American Legion. He had to admit that he was watching the mails coming from the Workers Party headquarters and addressed to the radical workers.

He took it upon himself to stop the delivery of the issues of THE DAILY WORKER. He was reading THE DAILY WORKER, he testified, every day before delivering it to the subscribers which contained the article about Queen Marie entitled Cotzurianista. He testified that Musulin has a "bad character" and when pressed by the attorneys he was compelled to admit that this was his own opinion, as Musulin favored the Soviet form of government in the U. S.

Witness after witness testified that they lost their jobs at one time or another while working in the Jones and Laughlin steel mills just because it was discovered that they were radicals.

A discussion followed the presentation of the question and the local of the A. N. L. C. of Cleveland was enlarged by about a dozen new members.

#### Master Mechanics Get Gold Buttons; Wages Unchanged

Sixteen master mechanics were rewarded for their services in the construction of the Central Mercantile Building at Fifth Ave., and Forty Fourth St. on Monday.

The N. Y. Building Congress believes that labor has not previously been sufficiently recognized for its part in building construction, or for its superior craftsmanship, and so proceeded to remedy matters with gold buttons and diplomas. Mr. William G. Ludlow, who made the presentation said nothing about an increase in wages, or the hazards that make a building work particularly dangerous.

The men who were awarded these trinkets are: V. Hartnagel, bronze worker; H. N. Hotchkiss, sheet metal worker; John Hayes, plasterer; Albert Wurth, electrician; James Hunt, marble setter; James Breen, roofer; James Hall, plumber; William Mosher, glazier; Edward Kennell, stone carver; Ernest Falkenberg, elevator constructor; John Hawkesworth, tile setter; Louis Stephensen, carpenter; James Kerr, stone setter; James Downey, metal worker; Otto Ruzicka, painter; Peter Coleman, bricklayer.

The building was recently sold at a profit.

#### John D. Gets Reckless!

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## SOUGHT MONEY FOR "FIXING" THE REPORT ON FUR WORKERS' STRIKE

(Continued from Page One) in its final form. This gentleman asked whether the persons with whom he was conferring believed that the charges against Mr. Eitingon were true, and was told that they did not believe them. He asked whether something could not be done about it, and was told in reply that it might be stopped if the proper measures were taken.

### Eitingon Rejects.

"The amount necessary to stop the report" was not mentioned, but Mr. Eitingon rejected the offer.

When Mr. Eitingon planned to sail for Europe, shortly after this, he made a statement, which was witnessed by Judge Julian W. Mack, in which he set forth the fact that he knew about this forthcoming report of the American Federation of Labor's committee, and had refused to give a cent to stop it, although he had offered to give proof that the charges were not true. This statement was witnessed on December 31, 1926, before the report was presented to the executive committee of the A. F. of L., and Mr. Eitingon stated yesterday that Judge Mack had authorized him "to state that he was apprised of these facts and will confirm them at anytime."

### Tried to Settle.

No less interesting than the story of attempted bribery told by Mr. Eitingon, are the details of his efforts at various times to bring about a settlement of the long fur strike of last spring.

His account of the conversations and negotiations between the union and representatives of the manufacturers, proves conclusively that it was the leaders of the employers' association—not the leaders of the union, as the American Federation of Labor officials charged when they tried to break the strike—who were the ones really responsible for prolonging the strike for so many months.

### Asked Samuels.

Mr. Eitingon, on March 23, 1926, believed that he saw a possibility of ending the fur strike on a basis that would be acceptable to a majority of the manufacturers. He talked about the matter with Mr. Samuel N. Samuels, president of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., told him of the possibility of ending the strike, and asked to be allowed to discuss the question at a meeting of the association which was taking place that morning.

### Samuels Refused.

Mr. Samuels refused to let the question be brought before the members, and he refused to meet with strike leaders to discuss the matter. He continued in this refusal, in spite of Mr. Eitingon's continued efforts to bring the two sides together. He says in his statement:

"Mr. Samuels would not even agree to let him discuss the proposed settlement with 11 out of the 21 members of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' Association. All of these statements were confirmed by Mr. Samuels in so far as they concerned his actions."

### Couldn't Talk to Board.

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### Green Attacks Joint Board.

Yet by President Green and other American Federation of Labor officials, when they tried to break the strike, it was the New York Joint Board leaders who were accused of refusing to discuss a settlement. They were accused of being Communists trying to prolong the strike unnecessarily in order to further their own interests in some mysterious way.

This charge of Communism, was lodged against Mr. Eitingon also by the A. F. of L. report, and he was charged with working in the interests of the union in trying to bring about a settlement, and with bringing pressure to bear on the manufacturers because of a concession which the Eitingon-Schild Co., Inc., had for Russian furs, "which," says Mr. Eitingon, "is an ordinary purchase contract and is not a concession, this company never having had a concession from the Russian government."

### Eitingon Threatened Union.

How ridiculous it is to charge Mr. Eitingon with partiality to the strikers, is illustrated by his own statement of negotiations after his return from Europe in June, 1926. He tells of an all night conference on terms of the settlement and then says:

"When the representatives of the union refused to concede to Mr. Samuels' demand on this point, I told Mr. Gold and his associates that if they persisted in their attitude they would force the dealers to raise immediately on the next day \$500,000 as a fund to assist the manufacturers to continue the strike."

### Not Helping Workers.

This scarcely sounds like a man working in the interests of the fur workers.

Mr. Eitingon explains at the close of his interesting revelations that this gentleman who came to discuss the bribe with him—and this man "was neither a fur manufacturer nor a dealer" made him promise that he would not state any of these matters prior to the publication of the American Federation of Labor's report. He kept his promise and is only now disclosing to anyone the whole story of what transpired.

### What Will Green Do?

Reports have been current that President William Green of the A. F. of L. was about to discuss the bribe charges against the strike leaders with both Ossie Schachman, president of the International Fur Workers' union, and with Mayor Walker.

It was impossible to learn yesterday whether he still intended to follow this proposed plan in view of Mr. Eitingon's disclosures.

### Henry Ford Grins.

Henry Ford, the world's richest man, according to some reports, sits and grins while the government tries to collect back taxes from his old friend. Senator Jim Couzens, Couzens planned the Ford Motor Company's finances, and then was bought out of the concern by gullible Henry. Now the wrath of the gods has fallen on Couzens in the shape of a suit by the U. S. government.

### Many R. A. I. C. Bonds Turned In.

Mr. Portnoy announced that more than \$500 worth of shares in the Russian American Industrial Corporation had been turned in for Joint Board bonds within the week, and that many inquiries had been received as to how to effect the exchange. These shares are accepted at their face value as payment on bonds.

The United Council of Working Class Housewives has contributed \$400 for the purchase of bonds, Mr. Portnoy said. The Passaic Council bought \$100 worth, as did the Council of Brownsville, while councils at Bath Beach, lower Bronx, and Councils 2 and 8 of the Bronx purchased \$50 worth of bonds each.

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### Defends Dry Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Judge Frank Cooper of the Northern New York Federal District defended entrapment of dry law violators, before the house judiciary committee today. Judge Cooper was charged in impeachment proceedings instituted by Rep. La Guardia (R) of New York, with having approved "under-cover" methods of dry law enforcement, which included rum running from Canada.

### Unfilled Steel Orders Fall.

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Forward orders on January 31 aggregated 3,800,117 tons, against 3,960,969 tons on December 31 and 4,882,739 tons on January 31, 1926.

### Will Kid Rail Workers



Pat. M. Neff.

President Coolidge has just appointed the former governor of Texas, Pat. M. Neff, to the Board of Railroad Mediation. This is more than just a reward to an unsuccessful politician always friendly to corporations. Neff is a skillful man, able to carry on the work of the Board, in the spirit of the recent decisions for the firemen and engineers of northeastern roads, and the conductors of southeastern roads, by which they were jockeyed out of half their demands.

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## SAVE THE UNION BOND ISSUE IS GOING OVER BIG

### Justice" Lie Exposed By Julius Portnoy

Alarmed at the remarkable success of the "Save the Union" bond issue of the Joint Board, President Morris Sigman of the International is making desperate efforts to throw discredit upon the bonds and so half their sale to workers, according to Julius Portnoy, secretary of the bond issue.

He declared that Sigman is resorting to all sorts of lies in his attempt to discourage workers from buying bonds, and as proof pointed to a statement in "Justice" of February 4, an organ of Sigmanism, which declared that only one bond was sold by F. Cooper, representative of the bond issue.

Children Burn to Death.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 10.—Five children were burned to death when fire destroyed their home at Kudayard, Mich., today.

### Flapper Witness Collapses.

Kitty Krause, spurned flapper sweetheart of Herbert Koerber testified at his trial today she believed the "cake eater" bandit of unsound mind and collapsed when she rose to leave the witness stand.

### Bambino Wants \$100,000 Contract.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—Babe Ruth said today that if the New York Yankees did not come across with more money coming from St. Louis every day. A total of \$2,400 from the St. Louis workers gives the lie to the statement of "Justice."

Meetings in Montreal and Toronto on last Sunday and Monday, at which Isadore Boruchowitz, manager of Local 2, was the principle speaker, resulted in the sale of \$1,200 worth of bonds, Mr. Portnoy said. "In spite of the attempts of the right wing to disrupt the meeting in Montreal by issuing leaflets containing all sorts of vicious lies about the bond issue, more than 1,200 people gathered in Prince Albert Hall to hear the truth about the union-wrecking tactics of the Sigman gang and to contribute to the fight against Sigman by purchasing bonds."

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## NEW SIGMAN TRICKERY REVEALED IN LABOR BANK WAR ON JOINT BOARD

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actions are on promissory notes aggregating \$104,000.00. The Joint Board is sued on two notes, one for \$44,000.00 and one for \$15,000.00 and the Building Corporation is sued on one note for \$45,000.00. The history of those cases is interesting in more respects than one.

"During the last strike, the International, the Joint Board and the Local Unions represented in the Joint Board, entered into a joint agreement with the International Union Bank, whereby the bank agreed to loan to them \$389,000.00 on the security of the shares of stock of the International Union Bank which the unions owned, and which amounted in the aggregate to more than one half of the entire capital stock of the bank.

In addition, the Joint Board and the local unions, agreed not to transfer their real estate, which they owned through holding corporations, until the bank loan was paid off. Upon the advice of Mr. Morris Hillquit, who was then the attorney for the unions, the bank may have the property—for whose benefit is of course apparent.

"An interesting development in this connection is that in the two actions against the Joint Board, the International Union Bank with Mr. Hillquit as its attorney, swears that Portnoy may have the property—for whose benefit is of course apparent.

"In dictum Goretzky and Marks,

Grand Jury indictments were returned yesterday against Joseph Goretzky, manager of Local 35 and Elias Marks, secretary of the picket committee during the strike, for an alleged assault in the first and second degrees. The complaint is Hyman Goldman, and the assault is said to have been committed on September 16 last. Goretzky has been committed to the Tombs under \$25,000 bail. Marks has not yet been arrested.

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## The Soviet Union and the League of Nations.

The league of nations considers the Soviet Union an international nuisance and the feeling is reciprocated. There is no love going to waste between the social systems represented by the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the oppressed of all countries, and the league, which stands for the interests of robber imperialism.

The league does not consider the Soviet Union fit for entrance into the sanctum sanctorum of the league. But the Soviet Union is not losing any sleep over this display of cold shoulder.

When the powers pull off a fake disarmament conference thru the league they invite the Soviet Union to participate, but insist on holding their parleys on Swiss soil knowing that the Soviet Union is not willing to trust its representatives to the mercies of the assassin government of Switzerland which gave a clean bill of health to the fascist murderer of Vaslav Vorovsky, Soviet envoy to Lausanne in 1923. The courts of this same government punished a Hungarian liberal a few weeks ago for slapping a Hungarian tyrant in the face in the corridor of the league of nations.

The latest invitation extended to the Soviet Union by the league was too much even for the placid Tchitcherkin, Soviet foreign minister. The invitation was for conference to organize an international relief union to aid victims of great disasters, not including war of course. The conference was to be held on Swiss soil.

Tchitcherkin not only sent a caustic refusal to attend, but he returned the letter of invitation inside its original cover, and declared that the Soviet government refused categorically "to consider itself as invited to any conference called to meet on Swiss soil."

We are informed by a Geneva capitalist correspondent that league officials do not know whether to laugh or to cry over the refusal.

We are willing to wager that Soviet foreign officials are not shedding any tears.

## Chang Tso-Lin Is a Candidate.

The bandit dictator of Manchuria, Chang Tso-Lin, who now dominates the futile Peking government, has made his bid for United States cash in a lengthy interview to American correspondents. Chang knows his carrots, and since he stopped slitting the throats of unwary travelers in the wastes of his theatre of highway robbery, he has never failed to come forward with a plausible excuse for murder and pillage after the fashion of his more respectable contemporaries.

Chang is now playing the role of saviour of the Orient from the "Bolshevist menace." Chang has the men and the guns but by jingo he hasn't got the money, unlike the Downing Street missionaries who have all three. Chang has a long hand and it is now stretched, palm up, in the general direction of Wall Street. Chang is willing to do anything for the dough provided he can get away with it. He would sell every square inch of China under the control of his bayonets if he had a reasonable hope that he would live to enjoy the price.

Chang agrees with the purpose of Kellogg's proposal to neutralize Shanghai but he fears that the Chinese masses would not take kindly to the proposition, therefore Chang urges Kellogg to take a broader view of things, give Chang a lot of money, keep United States troops out of sight and depend on Chang to clean up the Cantonese.

Says the public spirited bandit: "My responsibility is great and I am ready to sacrifice myself to save not only China but the peace of Asia and the whole world from the Russian menace. I hope for American sympathy since the American government is fighting to combat the same evil in Mexico and Nicaragua."

Wise bandit. Thus in one short paragraph, the brigand of Manchuria places himself on the same level with Calvin Coolidge, the New England Puritan. What is the difference? Nothing except money, battleships and fifty years of industrial development.

Hail Chang Tso-Lin, the heathen bandit, the unofficial ally of our christian government!

## The Communists on the Sea.

The intelligence department of the French government announces with amazement and to the horror of the government that the Communists who hitherto did not exhibit any enthusiasm for service in either the army or navy are now applying for service in the naval branch of French imperialism's war machine.

This sudden spasm of "patriotism" instead of bringing a thrill of joy to the hearts of the government officials sent them scurrying to revolutionary history and particularly to naval rebellions from the famous British "Mutiny of the Nore" to the Black Sea mutiny when Andre Marty, a French sailor led the crew of a French warship in refusing to fire on Soviet forces during the early days of the Russian revolution.

Communists are accustomed to seeing their comrades expelled from the reactionary trade unions. In fact, here in New York we have a socialist committee organized to "preserve" the trade unions from the radicals. This committee may soon add to its aims that of preserving the army and navy from Communist infiltration. Perhaps, after all, the "bloodthirsty Communists" will be reduced to a condition of enforced pacifism. If the Communists are not allowed to bore from within the armies and navies the capitalists may drive them into "dual" militarism. Think fast capitalists! Think fast!

## American Oilmen in Mexico

FOREIGN publicity during the last few months quotes American capital investment in Mexico as follows: Mining, approximately \$300,000,000 American dollars; Oil industry and oil lands, approximately \$478,000,000 American dollars while the entire amount of American investments in Mexico is quoted at some one and one half billion American dollars or three billion Mexican pesos.

These figures are circulated abroad, not in Mexico. They are given officially and no attempt is made to prove them. They are meant to strengthen the fallacy prevailing in foreign countries that all commercial activities in Mexico find their basis in American capital and that once having dealt with oil and mining industries all is said and done with that country's commercial activities. These figures are not only borne out but are absolutely denied by the official figures of the National Statistical Bureau of the Mexican government.

## Amount Of Capital.

The figures of the National Statistical Bureau show the full amount of capital (including Mexican owned capital) invested in all the industries of the country at \$1,447,043,910.00 pesos. Of this amount 46.4% is American, a high figure indeed when it is considered that only one nation is involved but not, however, the preponderant percentage which the layman is led to believe because of the influence these American investors in Mexico have due to their small number and their concentration in one particular field—that of oil.

American capital in Mexico divides its 46.4% of the whole amount approximately in this wise: Oil 92%, mining 6% and various small industries 2%. \$614,487,263.00 pesos of the entire amount of the \$671,399,-63.00 pesos which are North American capital's interest in all industries in Mexico is devoted to oil exploitation.

And according to the records of the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican government, only twenty American oil companies are interested in Mexico. The present figures for all companies and private individuals exploiting oil fields in Mexico (foreign and Mexican) amounts to 120. Some half dozen of the twenty American companies are subsidiaries of the Standard Oil company thereby reducing the number ultimately interested to about fourteen. It is the high concentration of this compact nucleus and their ability therefore to act practically as a single unit which makes for their power with the State Department at Washington and gives them the possibility of standing out against the oilmen and the Mexican government. By this attitude, they play directly into the hands of a few Americans interested in oil.

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American manufacturers who are just beginning to work up an appreciable import trade into Mexico cannot permit that the State Department at Washington consider the matter as one concerning exclusively the oilmen and the Mexican government. By this attitude, they play directly into the hands of a few Americans interested in oil.

Mexico is only in the beginning of the development of its small industries. Even a cursory glance into the history of the country will explain the situation. Up to the time and during the first part of Porfirio Diaz' regime, foreign capital in any appreciable amount was not encouraged and was not interested to come to Mexico. With the discovery of oil in 1901, the rush began. And, unfortunately, practically since the

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There is at the present no military problem in the republic aside from the Yaqui uprising in the northern state of Sonora and this situation is now entirely controlled by the federal army.

Some persons interested in oil are making propaganda among fanatics in order to stir up revolution with it is said and apparently with sufficient truth, the backing of the State Department at Washington and especially of U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg.

## THE PROBLEM OF LONDON

By CHARLES ASHLEIGH

There is an urgent need of a properly organized campaign, in order to enlighten them on the character and actions of their leaders, Thomas, Cramp and others. Here, alone, is the opportunity for a considerable and valuable task, for the London organization of the National Minority Movement.

General manufacturing is also widely spread in London. A visit to the East End will reveal the surprising number of factories of chemical products, furniture, clothing, and other goods—whose gigantic buildings overshadow the neighboring streets of small and unhygienic houses.

Engineering in an industry which has greatly grown in London, during the last ten years. There are suburbs, notably Chiswick and other western sections, where engineering works, including large automobile factories, have appeared in large numbers.

The task of providing adequate organizational expression for the great trade-unionist population of London has been poorly performed, so far.

One of the obstacles is the fact that the workers live so far from the scene of their daily labors. For instance, it is not uncommon for workers in London to have to travel six or seven kilometers, by train or tramway, to their work. When a worker has finished for the day, therefore, he usually desires to leave at once for his home; and it is difficult to get him to remain in the neighborhood for a trade union or other meeting. The result of this is that many workers are organized in trade unions according to residential area, rather than according to the place where they work. The drawback of this system may instantly be observed. A worker belongs, perhaps, to a branch of his

union where there is no other member working in the same firm.

London Divisions.

This same evil applies partly in the case of the trades and labor councils. London is divided into a number of boroughs, for the purposes of civic administration. The labor councils, local bodies to which are affiliated the local trade union branches, follow the same divisions. Thus, each borough in London has its own labor council. Often, the militant worker, who is elected by his trade union branch as delegate to a labor council, must travel for an hour or two hours, to and from the meetings of that body.

Besides the various labor councils in the boroughs, there is also the London Trades Council. This body is supposed to function for all London, but, for a long time, it has been only imperfectly representative of the London trade union movement, because of poor affiliation. Of late, however, the London Trades Council has increased its affiliations, and its activities. Whereas only local branches of trade unions affiliate with the borough trades (or labor) councils, bodies representing the entire London membership of unions—such as district committees—affiliate to the London Trades Council.

Building Up Councils.

The London trade-unionist militants, organized in the National Minority Movement, seek to make the London Trades Council a really powerful body, properly representative of the whole London trade-union movement. This can be done by seeing that every London trade union body is affiliated, as well as the borough trades and labor councils. Also, it is necessary to increase the activities and stimulate the militancy of the London Trades Council, so that the organized workers of the metropolis will look to it as the fighting representative body for the entire trade-union movement of the city.

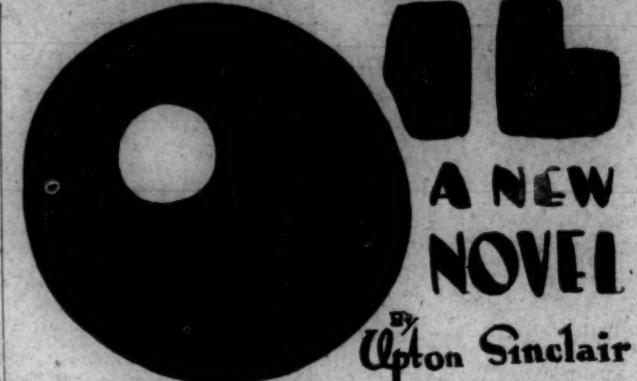
To Modify Organization.

In order to cope with these tasks, the Minority Movement in London has been recently compelled to modify its organizational structure. The London District Committee has formed a number of borough sub-committees, formed of local comrades, which will undertake the general propagandist activities of the Minority Movement in each borough, and also direct the activities of the Minority Movement members who are delegates to the various labor councils. Yet, care had to be exercised not to interfere with the industrial sections of the minority movement, which carry on agitational and educational work within specific units throughout the whole London district. The co-ordination of the two aspects of the work—industrial and local—is now going on successfully.

Must Be Adaptable.

The intricate and difficult problem of London—and the special provisions made by the Minority Movement to deal with it—show that the revolutionary working-class movement must always possess a certain capacity for adaptation, a very necessary flexibility which, while in no way modifying the steadfastness of its principles, enables it to cope with the special problems which arise in huge, congested areas, where a variety of industries are situated, rather than one predominant one.

The creation of a well-organized London district committee, and of the local sub-committees, is the answer of the Minority Movement to the fatalistic despair of many disheartened militants, who were discouraged by the immensity of the task confronting us. And, already, it is apparent that the new methods are practical, and that progress will be made.



The same old Dad! They gave each other hugs and squeezes; there were tears in everybody's eyes, even the secretary, and the maire and his clerks, who had never heard of such fees for a wedding—marvelous people, ces Americans! And Bunny said for Dad to write all the news, and Dad said for Bunny to write all the news; and Bunny said he would return to France next summer if Dad were not able to come to America, and Dad said he was sure Verne would have it all up before that. And then Bunny kissed his stepmother again, and then he hugged Dad again, and then shook hands with the secretary—a regular debauch of the sweet sorrows of parting, with the officials and a crowd of street urchins standing by on the sidewalk, and the grand rich Americans. Bunny was glad to look back on it in after years—at least that once the old man had been happy! All the chatter, and the messages, and the flowers, the baggage to be seen to and the robes to be tucked in, and then at last they were rolling down the street, amid waving of hands and cheers—headed for a Spiritualist seance in Frankfort-am-Main!

Bunny took a train back to Paris, and wrote out two messages announcing that he was sailing for home; one to Ruth Watkins and one to Rachel Menzies—playing no favorites!! Then he bought a paper, and read a brief despatch—"Great California Oil Fire." A bolt of lightning had struck one of the storage tanks of the Ross Consolidated Oil Company at Paradise, California, and as a high wind was blowing, it was not thought possible to save any portion of the tank-farm, and possibly the whole field might be destroyed.

When Bunny got back to the hotel, there was a cablegram from Angel City. It was impossible to make any guess what the damage would be, but they were fully insured and nothing to worry about, "A. H. Dory"—still Verne's signature when he wanted to be playful. Bunny forwarded the message to his father, and asked if he should wait; but Dad's answer was, no, whatever he had to say could be said by letter or cable, and he would be glad to have Bunny on the scene to report. "Love and best wishes," were the concluding words—the last that Dad was ever to say to his son, except through the channel of the spirits!

A steamer took Bunny out to sea—one of those floating hotels, like the one he had left in Paris, fitted in the style of a palace, mahogany finish and silken draperies and cushioning, and persuaded his father to stop it! But at what stage? Dad had been purchasing government ever since Bunny could remember, as a little boy. All the oil men purchased government, all big business men did it, either before or after election. And at what stage of life shall a boy say to his father, your way of life is wrong, and you must let me take charge of it?

There was no new thought that Bunny could think about all this; any more than in the case of Vee Tracy. Just the grief, and the ache of loneliness! Old things going; they kept going—and where did they go? It was a mystery that made you dizzy, at moments like this; you stood on the brink of a precipice and looked down into a gulf! The most incredible idea, that his father, who was so real, and had been for so long a part of his being—should suddenly disappear and cease to be! For the first time Bunny began to wonder, could Alyse be right about the spirits?

Another message in the evening. "Condition unchanged will keep you advised sympathy and affection." These last words never failed in the messages; the next day, when Dad's condition was the same and the crisis expected tomorrow; and then tomorrow, when Dad was sinking; and then, the morning after, when Alyse wired, "Your father's spirit has passed from this world to the next but he will never cease to be with you he spoke of you at the last and promised that if you will communicate with a good medium in Angel City he will guide your life with love and affection as ever Alyse." And then a message from Bertie: "I was with Dad at the end and he forgave me will you forgive me also?" When Bunny read that, he had to hurry to his stateroom, and lie there and cry like a little child. Yes, he would forgive her, so he wired in reply, and might whoever had made them forgive them all!

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